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Wednesday—Rain, high near 70.
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Second Attempt Woman Held

The Suspect: Convert to 'Revolution'

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22 — Sara Jane Moore, 46, seized tonight by police for allegedly firing a shot at President Ford, is a self-described former upper-middle-class suburbanite who became active in the civil rights and anti-war movements and was subsequently converted to revolutionary politics.

At one point before her conversion she served as an informer for the FBI.

She was stopped outside her Mission District apartment by two police inspectors Sunday and a handgun found in her possession was confiscated, according to Lt. Frank Jordan, spokesman for the San Francisco police.

Jordan also said here tonight that she was questioned yesterday by the Secret Service as a "possible problem."

The Berkeley Barb, an underground newspaper here, published an interview with Sara Moore last June.

According to the Barb story, as an extension of her work in the civil rights movement, in March, 1974, she volunteered and went to work as a bookkeeper for People in Need, the program set up here by San Francisco Examiner editor Randolph A. Hearst that spring to distribute food to the needy.

The kidnapers of Hearst's daughter, Patricia, had insisted on the creation of such a program as the price for her freedom.

While working for People in Need, according to the story in the Barb, she met a black ex-convict named "Pop-eye" Jackson, who was assassinated last spring. The story says she became infatuated with Jackson, whom she described as "politically and personally impressive."

Jackson was on probation from state prison, and had been arrested on what he claimed was a trumped-up drug charge. According to the Barb story, Jackson was seeking Randolph Hearst's help to have the drug charge dropped. Moore described herself, in the Barb story, as being the intermediary between Hearst and Jackson.

Jackson was founder and head of a

group here called the United Prisoners Union, a prisoners rights organization. Moore said in the Barb interview that she became a member of this group.

According to the story in the Barb, she then was approached by the FBI and asked to become an informer in connection with the Hearst case.

She agreed to spy on an unnamed man who was a member of a revolutionary group, the Barb said—but soon thereafter, in the summer of 1974, became converted to what the Barb story described as "revolutionary politics" and backed out of her informer role.

The Barb story was published in the wake of Jackson's death this past spring. Jackson, 45, and a 28-year-old teacher, Sally Voyer, were shot to death at 3 p.m. last June 9 while sitting in the front seat of his parked car here. No one has been arrested in the case.





Secret Service agents grab President Ford after shot was fired outside San Francisco hotel. At bottom, police start to run toward direction of the shot

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as Secret Service agents shove Mr. Ford to the ground. Mr. Ford was not injured, but a bystander was struck by a ricocheting bullet.